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Congress of the United States
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Hon. George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This letter references correspondence sent to you by Governor Matt Blunt on June 15, 2008 in which he requested an expedited declaration of major disaster for designated portions of the State of Missouri.

A series of severe storms commenced on June 1, 2008 which generated high winds, hail, tornadoes and record amounts of rainfall. Severe flooding and flash flooding continue to ravage large portions of the state. In the Second Congressional District, jurisdictions currently affected include Lincoln and St. Charles Counties, while St. Louis County remains potentially affected. The full extent of damage to persons and property within the Second District will be revealed only after flood waters on the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers crest and then recede.

Mr. President, I fully concur with Governor Blunt's assessment of the situation, the categories of Federal assistance that he has requested, and his decision to request an expedited declaration of major disaster for jurisdictions affected by this series of storms. On behalf of my constituents, I urge you to take swift action to ameliorate the pain, suffering and losses that so many Missourians are experiencing.

Sincerely,



W. Todd Akin
Member of Congress